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DHHS Announces 13th New Hampshire Case of Salmonella Related to Peanuts Urges Consumers to Exercise Caution

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) identified a 13th case of Salmonella in a New Hampshire resident that is linked to the nationwide peanut products recall. The patient became ill in mid-January. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified 636 cases of salmonella in 44 states associated with contaminated peanut products as part of this outbreak.

The Salmonella strain is Typhimurium. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has identified the source of the outbreak as contaminated peanut products manufactured in a plant owned by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA). The peanut products were distributed to other manufacturers to be used in a wide array of food products. The FDA has created a searchable list of products and brands associated with the expanded PCA recall, which dates website back January 2007. This list available the FDA to 1, is on www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm and will be updated on a regular basis as additional recalls occur and information is received by the FDA. Peanut butter in jars is not a product of PCA and is not considered contaminated at this time.

"We want to urge consumers to be careful about consuming any products with peanuts, peanut paste, or peanut butter in them, except for jars of peanut butter, they have check to see whether they have been recalled," said DHHS Director of Public Health Dr. José Montero. "This recall goes back two years, the products have been distributed to every state, and the list gets longer every day so people need to take the extra step to be sure about what they are eating."

For more information, refer to the DHHS website at www.dhhs.nh.gov, the FDA website at www.dhhs.nh.gov, the FDA website at www.dhhs.nh.gov, the CDC website at www.dc.gov/salmonella/typhimurium/. If you do not have internet access, you can also call the CDC at 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636) to check to see if a particular product has been recalled. For questions about peanut butter safety or Salmonella, please call the NH DHHS Communicable Disease Control Section at 1-603-271-4496 or 1-800-852-3345 x4496.